

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 9-104 are pending. Claims 15-35, 50-83 and 86-104 are withdrawn from further consideration. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 46 are amended to better distinguish over the prior art, and claim 37 for clarification purposes only. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration (since the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution); (c) do not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and (d) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-7, 9-14, 36-49, 84 and 85 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Dunn (U.S. Patent 6,591,103). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In particular, Dunn does not disclose or suggest a method of selecting a wireless network including at least determining at a home network, based on a table of information downloaded from the home network to the wireless device, whether one of the plurality of wireless networks can provide a requested service from the wireless device and, if one of the plurality of wireless networks can provide the requested service, the home network choosing the one wireless network of the plurality of wireless networks for the wireless device, as recited in claim 1, and similarly recited in claim 46.

Moreover, Dunn does not disclose or suggest a method of selecting a wireless network including establishing a connection between the wireless device and a home network and directing, from the home network, the selection of a wireless network of the plurality of

wireless networks based at least in part on a requested service associated with the wireless device, as recited in claim 36.

Furthermore, Dunn fails to disclose or suggest a method of dynamically selecting a network from a plurality of networks, including at least the home network directing the wireless device to register with a first network of the plurality of networks, as recited in claim 84.

Finally, Dunn fails to disclose or suggest a method of directing a wireless device to a different network service provider including at least determining by a home network service provider whether a different network service provider could provide a requested service according to predetermined parameters and if the predetermined parameters match, the home network service provider directing the wireless device to register with the different network service provider to provide the requested service, as recited in claim 85.

Dunn discloses a process 50 in Fig. 5 for initiating a call and using a shared command channel. See col. 8, lines 36-50. In step 52, a user deciding the place a call enters connection requirement information on the shared channel. In step 52, *the user device determines* its geographical location for network selection purposes. In step 53, participating carriers broadcast their location, frequency availability and bandwidth price from local base stations in the shared channel and *the user device listens* on the channel for locations, pricing and other data of potential carrier-based selection. In step 55, *the user device receives and stores* carrier information in a buffer, after which an algorithm processes the information to select one of the base station networks. In step 56, *the user device tunes* to the correct protocol channel to initiate the call after which the process ends.

Dunn also discloses that Central Selection Agency (CSA), using location information and the connection capability/requirements, determines which network and base stations are potential carriers. See col. 3, lines 41-45. Based on user preferences (established by profile),

the CSA (and not the home location register or home network) assigns a network and base station to handle connections.

In contrast to the claimed invention, Dunn does not disclose or suggest a method of selecting a wireless network including at least determining at a home network, based on a table of information downloaded from the home network to the wireless device, whether one of the plurality of wireless networks can provide a requested service from the wireless device and, if one of the plurality of wireless networks can provide the requested service, the home network choosing the one wireless network of the plurality of wireless networks for the wireless device. Furthermore, Dunn does not disclose or suggest a method of selecting a wireless network including establishing a connection between the wireless device and a home network and directing, from the home network, the selection of a wireless network of the plurality of wireless networks based at least in part on a requested service associated with the wireless device.

Moreover, Dunn fails to disclose or suggest a method of dynamically selecting a network from a plurality of networks, including at least the home network directing the wireless device to register with a first network of the plurality of networks. Finally, Dunn fails to disclose or suggest a method of directing a wireless device to a different network service provider including at least determining by a home network service provider whether a different network service provider could provide a requested service according to predetermined parameters and if the predetermined parameters match, the home network service provider directing the wireless device to register with the different network service provider to provide the requested service.

On the contrary, Dunn instead discloses that either the CSA or the user device (but not a home network) direct a selection of one of the networks. Moreover, the user device in Dunn uses an algorithm to process the carrier information and select one of the base station

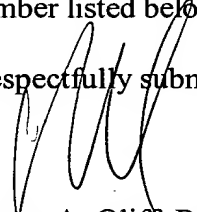
networks. Thus, the user device, e.g., a terminal (and not the home network) can choose one cellular network of the plurality of cellular networks.

Accordingly, because Dunn fails to disclose each and every feature as the claimed invention, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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